Ad-hoc advances to Inida Associates

2022. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Engineering Projects (India) Ltd., during the execution of civil work and handling of material in Kuwait and Iraq, granted irregular ad hoc advances to Indian Associates out of the funds borrowed in foreign exchange over and above the amounts mentioned in the agreements and without obtaining adequate Bank guarantee;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that advances made to these Associates were Rs. 6000 lakhs more than the value of the work done by various Indian Associates, particularly, Ansal Properties and Industries (P) Ltd. and Bhasin Construction Company;

(d) whether the company in question recovered the excess money from tne above-named Indian Associates; and

(e) whether Govt. have initiated any proceedings against the erring officers as well as for the recovery of the excess money from its Indian Associates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSRTIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) A statement giving details of adhoc advances given by Engineering Projects (India) Ltd. (EPI) to its Indian Associates, Bank guarantees and retention money available with EPI is enclosed as Annexure [*See* Appendix CLXVI Annexure No. 38].

(c) The total advances to the associates were not more than the work done by them as reflected in the Annexure reftrred to in answer to part (a) and (b) of the Question.

(d) and (e) EPI had incurred certain other expenditure on these projects on behalf of their Associates for which EPI has filed claims. However, the Associates have filed counter claims and the matter is under arbitration. Shri B. Swaminathan Committee which was appointed to go into the losses of EPI has submitted its report which is under examination.

Establishment of a power generation unit in Malaysia by BHEL

2023. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Malaysian Minister for Energy has invited the BHEL Trichy to establish an assembling unit of power generation equipments in Malaysia; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to get more orders from Malaysia for BHEL, Trichy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) BHEL has received a number of contracts for thermal, hydro and gas based power plants in Malaysia. The company is pursuing the matter with the Malaysian authorities for getting more orders.